

ALFRED BEIT THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD DYING

The Busy South African Multi-Millionaire Had a Sudden Stroke of Apoplexy.

At Forty-Five Years of Age He Had Accumulated Nearly Four Hundred Millions of Dollars. A Trustee of Rhodes' Estate.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 9.—Alfred Beit, associated with the late Cecil Rhodes in monster African ventures and perhaps the richest man in the world, is dying of apoplexy.

Beit's condition is partly the result of overwork since the close of the South African war, for the successful ending of that war in favor of Great Britain increased the value of his African properties by about one-third, and his responsibilities in proportion.

He has led a life filled with magnificent yet quiet undertakings and like his partner and associate has never married. He is now forty-five years of age.

His death will make considerable difference in the mining operations in the Transvaal as he is more heavily interested there than any other single man. His wealth is enormous. He is estimated to be worth \$375,000,000. He has built this up from nothing. He came from a Hebrew family of Hamburg and during his early life served an apprenticeship in a Hamburg bank. Later he went to South Africa and got into close business relations with Cecil Rhodes. His wealth then piled up almost faster than he could count it. Although Rhodes quit money making and launched himself into the work of empire building Beit has always held himself down to the work of amassing more money. In addition to his African interests he has big properties in Mexico, Chile, and Portugal and in many other portions of the globe.

The German financier is a man of small stature but of enormous energy. He has done very little openly in politics but his hand is said to have been firmly fixed upon the events that led up to the South African war. He is one of the trustees of Cecil Rhodes' will.

WORLD'S NEWS BY ASSOCIATED PRESS SPECIAL MAIL LETTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Believing that Queen Anne's accession to the throne of England ruined all her hopes of ever ruling over Great Britain, Mrs. Jennie Weinstein of this city, says a dispatch from Philadelphia to the Times, made an attempt to destroy the large oil painting of the Queen in Independence Hall. She was arraigned subsequently before a magistrate and held in \$500 bail. A physician will examine into her sanity.

This is the second time within ten months that the woman has attempted to mutilate the picture. She tried to destroy it with a stick in March, but was arrested before any damage was done. Before her latest attempt she went to the State House and asked the custodian to remove the picture and place hers in its place, claiming that she, and not Queen Anne, should have ascended the throne. When the custodian refused to accede to her demand, she tried to pull the picture from the wall.

Shortage of Rolling Stock.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 29.—The Southern Pacific Company has to deal with the greatest car and locomotive shortage that has ever been known in its history—taking the amount of business and facilities for handling it into consideration. And the worst phase of the case is that as the days go by the shortage will increase instead of diminish.

So bad has the situation become that as a result every car painter employed at the West Oakland yards with the exception of four, have been forced to take a lay-off, as the cars are kept in active service and are not sent to the yards for painting or repairs. The shortage is making itself felt in all the divisions and especially at the West Oakland yards, where the locomotive repair shops are kept running day and night to put disabled engines in commission. Not a locomotive is sent here unless the wheels refuse to turn. Then the locomotive is rapidly repaired and sent out again.

Compliment Roosevelt.

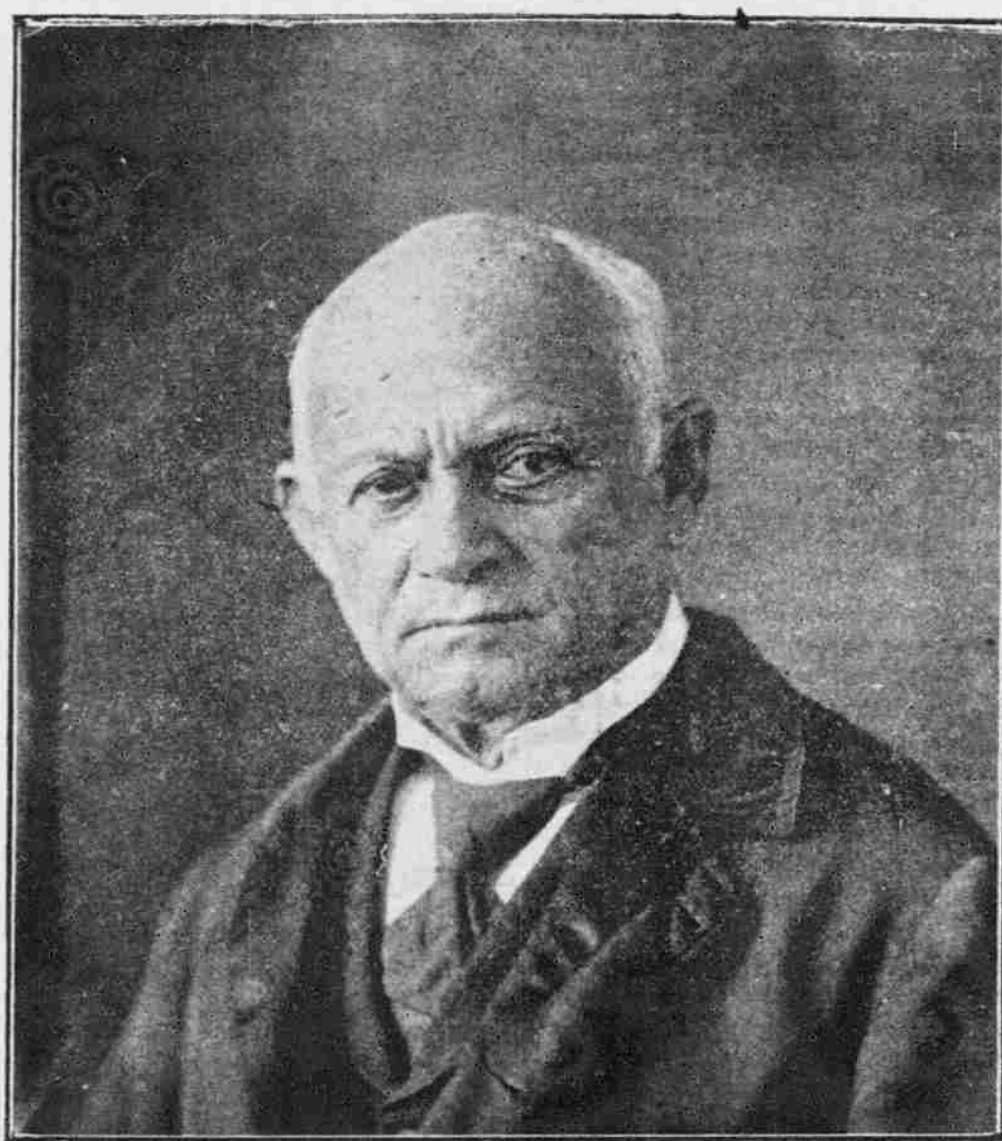
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—General satisfaction is expressed here at the turn of affairs in the Venezuelan controversy. President Roosevelt comes in for many compliments for "forcing" a recognition of The Hague tribunal. The Bourse Gazette describes Mr. Roosevelt's action as a "splendid Christmas gift to Europe."

The Purple Mother.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 29.—The Tingley-Times libel trial was resumed this morning. The defense presented more deposition evidence immediately upon the opening of court. The deposition first introduced was that of Mrs. Lena Morris, 109 West Sixteenth street, New York, its subject matter covering a period about eleven years ago, when deponent was the janitress at 107 West 68th street, where Mrs. Tingley resided.

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JUDGE DE BOLT SAYS J. K. SUMNER HAS BEEN PLUNDERED



JOHN K. SUMNER.

Scores the Attorneys and Relatives and Orders Repayment of \$48,000---Trust Is Terminated.

"I hold that the trust deed in evidence has been revoked, and that the trust thereby created is terminated, and that all property which thereby appears to have been conveyed, by reason of the termination of trust and the settlement, reverts in John K. Sumner and that the \$48,025 now deposited in this court is the money and property of the said John K. Sumner and that the same be delivered and paid over to him forthwith.

"The old man has action to recover the \$10,000 paid to Maria Davis and the \$10,000 paid to each of the Ellis children from the simple fact that it was paid without consideration and under a misapprehension, and the same as to R. W. Cathcart. As to the attorneys' fees, the evidence shows that \$2,500 was paid to Mr. Highton, \$2,500 to Mr. Davis, \$2,500 to Mr. Magoon and \$2,500 to the firm of Humphreys, Thompson & Watson. Now without stating expressly the thought I have in my mind,—the old man has been robbed. These parties had no claims on him for \$40,000 and the attorneys' fees all around are outrageous."

The above are a few of the remarks received from the Oahu Railway, and of Judge De Bolt in his decision yes—marked the highly dramatic close of a terday awarding to John K. Sumner the \$48,025 remaining from the \$110,000

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VON HOLLEBEN'S WORK NOT SATISFACTORY TO KAISER

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—The State Department has been informed that Baron Speck von Sternberg will be sent to Washington as a special Minister to represent Germany in the settlement

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VON HOLLEBEN.



SPECK VON STERNBERG.

THE REPUBLICAN PROGRAM AGAINST SWOLLEN TRUSTS

The House Judiciary Committee Agrees to Report a Strong Measure of Repression.

Publicity for the Inner Workings of Trusts the Keynote of the New Crusade---Trade Combinations Must Give Up Figures.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—The House Judiciary Committee has agreed upon a favorable report of the Anti-Trust bill. The measure provides for the publicity through the Inter-State Commerce Commission of the business workings of trusts, covering expenses, commissions, income and all other necessary data. It is believed that such publicity, given through the reports of the Commission will go far to prevent illegal combinations in restraint of trade.

More Carnegie Libraries.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Andrew Carnegie's offer of a million and a half of dollars for branch libraries has been accepted.

During the first three months of 1901 Mr. Carnegie gave away ten million dollars to cities for the erection of libraries. At that time he gave the City of New York \$5,000,000 with which to erect libraries, branches of the main New York library, in sixty-five different portions of the city.

At the same time he said to friends that he would do a similar thing for Philadelphia and his gift of \$1,500,000 is the result. The city of Philadelphia has agreed to furnish the sites on which the libraries are to be erected.

SIX DEATHS AT MAZATLAN FROM THE BUBONIC PLAGUE

MAZATLAN, Jan. 9.—There were six deaths today from bubonic plague. The entire city will be disinfected.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Reports from Mazatlan state that one-third of the population has been stricken with bubonic plague and that the lines of interior travel are menaced. At the outset the disease was not properly diagnosed its bacilli and some of its symptoms being easily mistaken for those of pneumonia. Both United States and Mexican authorities are making strenuous efforts to prevent the disease spreading along the coast and to the interior. The port is a calling place for coast vessels.

The Pacific Coast Company's steamers, calling at Los Angeles stop at Mazatlan but it is feared that this service may be withdrawn now and that a food famine may result in the plague-stricken town as it depends upon Los Angeles and San Francisco for a large portion of its supplies and will be quarantined by other Mexican cities.

Mazatlan as a pest hole has long been feared. The city is built in an attractive situation but the houses are mostly small and of one story. These are overcrowded and the sanitary arrangements are poor. The population contains a large floating element made up largely of miners.

Philippine Currency.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The House Committee on Insular Affairs has reported favorably on the bill to establish the currency system of the Philippines. The bill provides that lawful money of the States shall be legal tender in the islands.

To Study Consumption.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Henry Phillips has contributed three hundred thousand dollars to establish an institution here for the treatment and study of consumption.

In Memory of the Liberator.

ROME, Jan. 9.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of King Victor Emanuel, the liberator of Italy, was commemorated by a procession to the royal tomb two miles in length.

Things Worse in Morocco.

TANGIER, Jan. 9.—The Sultan of Morocco has again ordered his brother imprisoned. American missionaries have been compelled to leave Fez. The situation is growing serious.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Hawaiian Commercial, \$45.25; Honokaa, \$14.75; Makaweli, \$28.25; Onomea, \$23; Paauhau, \$16.50.